



disability MATTERS

2007 Conference for People with Disabilities

We're 51,000,000 strong.



November 27 – 28, Hyatt Regency, Indianapolis

Welcome to the 2007 Conference

Dear Conference Participant,

We are pleased that you have set aside the next two days to attend the Governor's Council for People with Disabilities Conference. We believe that you will be intrigued with this year's conference, as we explore "Disability Matters" from a number of vantage points.

The sheer number of 51,000,000 conjures up images of enormity, vastness and magnitude.

51,000,000 is the number of citizens with disabilities living in the United States. This revelation is a powerful piece of information. As market researchers would tell you, financially it translates into a large market share of individuals who have capital to spend. Political strategists would advise that it represents a mass voting block to be reckoned with. Economists would proclaim it identifies a vast pool of employees and entrepreneurs whose business acumen could shape the global economy. Media moguls would lament that this enormous number could sway public opinion.

The next two days will encourage dialogue and a transformation of how we think about disability. If we are to make a difference, we must be willing to set aside our differences and come together as a movement that represents all disabilities. This will then work for the good of the whole. Numbers are powerful, and power gets attention and respect. We are 51,000,000 strong. A resounding yes...disability does matter.

Sincerely,



Suellen Jackson-Boner
Executive Director



Duane J. Etienne
Chairperson

"I propose that we of the disability community lead the revolution of empowerment. We have unique knowledge and experience to offer. We have the responsibility to lead."

– Justin Dart

Conference at a glance

Tuesday, November 27

8 – 9:30 a.m.

Registration – Cosmopolitan Foyer, third level

Continental Breakfast – Cosmopolitan Foyer

Exhibit Viewing – Cosmopolitan A

Story Tent (all day) – Cosmopolitan Foyer

9:30 – 10 a.m.

Opening Session – Cosmopolitan Ballroom B,C,D

10 – 11:45 a.m.

Keynote Sessions – Cosmopolitan
Ballroom B, C, D

11:45 a.m. – Noon

Break

Noon – 1:45 p.m.

Lunch – Regency Ballroom, second level

Plenary Session

1:45 – 2 p.m.

Break

2 – 3:45 p.m.

Concurrent Workshops – third level
See schedule (page 5) for topics and locations.

3:45 – 4 p.m.

Break

4 – 5:45 p.m.

Concurrent Workshops – third level
See schedule (page 6) for topics and locations.

5:45 – 6 p.m.

Break

6 – 6:30 p.m.

Exhibit Viewing – Cosmopolitan A, third level

6:30 – 9 p.m.

Reception – Regency Ballroom C, D, second level

Wednesday, November 28

8 – 9:15 a.m.

Registration – Cosmopolitan Foyer, third level

Continental Breakfast – Cosmopolitan Foyer

Exhibit Viewing – Cosmopolitan A

Story Tent (until noon) – Cosmopolitan Foyer

9:15 a.m. – noon

Plenary Sessions – Cosmopolitan B, C, D

Noon – 12:15 p.m.

Break

12:15 – 3:30 p.m.

Awards Luncheon – Regency Ballroom,
second level

Awards Presentation

Closing Session

*“Revolutions begin when people who are defined as
problems achieve the power to redefine the problem.”*

– John McKnight

Tuesday Schedule

(Topics and speakers subject to change.)

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B, C, D, third level
Opening remarks and Conference welcome
Suellen Jackson-Boner, Executive Director
Duane Etienne, Chairperson, Indiana Governor's
Council for People with Disabilities
**Presentation of Disability Awareness Month
2008 Campaign**
**Recognition of Campaign Sponsor –
The Indianapolis Colts**

10 – 11:15 a.m.

**Keynote Session – Disability is Natural and
Other Revolutionary Common Sense**
Kathie Snow is a zealous promoter of new ways of
thinking about disability. Her presentation, "Disability
is Natural and Other Revolutionary Common Sense,"
shows that awesome change is possible when we
deconstruct disability, use People First Language, and
focus on people's strengths and abilities.

11:15 – 11:45 a.m.

**Keynote Session – Vision 2010:
Back to the Future**
Peter Bisbecos, Director, Division of Disability and
Rehabilitative Services, will outline a vision for
new directions in Indiana disability services and
policy, and update audience members on progress
and future plans.

11:45 a.m. – Noon Break

Noon – 1:45 p.m.

Lunch – Regency Ballroom, second level
"Wheelchair Monologues"
The "Picture This" improvisational theater group
of the Community Health Network will join Chris
Karson and others from ArtWorks Indiana to
showcase a brand-new sampling of "Wheelchair
Monologues," which brings to life the experiences
of people with disabilities through thought-provoking
and entertaining skits.

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6:30 – 9 p.m.

Disco Party Reception – Regency Ballroom
C, D, second level

Hunt up your old polyester wrap dresses, wide-lapel
shirts, platform heels and leisure suits for our Disco
Party opening reception with disc jockey C. J. Ryan.
Music of the 1970s will abound as we enjoy light
refreshments.

Tuesday Workshops

1st Session

2 – 3:45 p.m., third level

Self-Determination (and Inclusion) for All! (Cosmopolitan B)

Too much “help” and “protection” can lead to “learned helplessness” and segregation of children and adults with disabilities. Find out how self-determination skills can be learned naturally when we ensure people with disabilities have ordinary experiences and opportunities in inclusive settings, and when they’re provided with the assistive technology, supports and modifications they need for success.

Presenter – Kathie Snow, Disability is Natural

Moderator – Jan Bullington, 2000 Partner in Policymaking

Get a Head Start on March Disability Awareness Month (Cosmopolitan C)

Get ideas for your upcoming March Awareness Month campaign. This workshop will give you an overview of the 2008 campaign with new ideas and materials. A panel of advocates who have implemented exemplary campaigns will provide ideas for group discussion and sharing.

Presenter – Cindy Duran, Vice President, Borshoff

Moderator – Travis Spannan, Board Member

Crime Victims with Disabilities: Dealing with the System (Discovery A)

How do you protect yourself? What should you do if you are the victim of a crime? People with disabilities who are victims of crime often face additional problems in dealing with the police and the justice system. Hear from people with disabilities about their experiences. Learn about current statistical data, national and state efforts, and what you can do to protect and advocate for yourself.

Presenters – Sheri Caveda, Executive Director, Fifth Freedom Coalition

Dee Enrico-Janick, Director of Client Services, Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services

Carmen Kirkpatrick, Act Team Coordinator, Fifth Freedom Coalition

Karen Vaughn, Advocate-at-large, Fifth Freedom Coalition

Moderator – Karen Pedevilla, Education and Training Director, Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services

Beyond Obstacles: Transitions from School to Work and Meaningful Adult Lives (Discovery B)

Too often young adults with disabilities leave school without a job or are underemployed. This presentation is designed to provide information, tools and motivation to young adults and others seeking employment, as well as those who are supporting them.

Presenters – Pat Rogan, Professor, Indiana University School of Education

Moderator – Amy Yoder, 2006 Partner in Policymaking

Your Voice in Government (Cosmopolitan D)

Political participation is more important than ever as we move full steam ahead into the forthcoming election season. Understanding the issues and candidates, realizing the importance of voting and looking behind the rhetoric, this workshop will give you the tools to make sure that your voice in government is loud and clear.

Presenters – Jim Dickson, Vice President for Governmental Affairs, American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD)

Julia Vaughn, Health Policy Coordinator, Citizen’s Action Coalition

Moderator – Danny Ernstes, Board Member

Tuesday Workshops

2nd Session

4 – 5:45 p.m., third level

Inclusive Education: Ticket to the American Dream (Cosmopolitan B)

– In order to live a successful life as an adult, children need to learn and benefit from the experiences of a “regular” (and inclusive) education. This workshop will explore the values of inclusion and why they’re important, and brainstorm solutions to your issues.

Presenter – Kathie Snow, Disability is Natural

Moderator – Mary Alter, 2006 Partner in Policymaking

Health Care Reform in Indiana: Issues and Options (Cosmopolitan C)

– Insurance premiums and health care costs are rising, and the number of uninsured and underinsured Hoosiers is growing. Experts agree it will take time and sacrifice to repair our health care system. Join us to hear from a panel of experts and advocates who are gathering information and working on possible solutions.

Presenters – Carol Cutter, Chief Deputy of Health and Legislative Services, Indiana Department of Insurance

Vicki Pappas, Ph.D., Center Director, The Center for Planning and Policy Studies, Indiana Institute on Disability and Community

Robert Stone, M.D., Director, Hoosiers for a Common Sense Health Care Plan

Eric Wright, Director, Center for Health Policy, IUPUI

Moderator – Stephan Viehweg, Board Member

State Programs and Services: Access and Accommodations (Cosmopolitan D)

– Do you know how and when to file a complaint with the Civil Rights Commission? Which state parks have new accessible features? Do you know how to access housing programs that can help you obtain an affordable home?

These questions and more will be answered by a panel of state agency representatives, who will provide insight into the services and programs they offer.

Presenters – Ric Edwards, Director of Safety/ADA Compliance, Department of Natural Resources

Weilin Long, Division Director, Community Nutrition/Obesity Prevention, Indiana State Department of Health

Rodney Stockment, Community Services Manager, Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority

Elaina Freeman, Lead Navigator for the Disability Navigator Program, WorkOne

Steve Tilden, Director of Alternative Dispute Resolution, Civil Rights Commission

Moderator – Bill Shaw, Operations Specialist, US Housing and Urban Development

Creating a Healthy Lifestyle and “Breaking Those Bad Habits” (Discovery A)

– Health involves a lifestyle that promotes physical, mental and emotional well-being. This workshop will provide information on how people with disabilities and their families can use a multifaceted approach to maximize health.

Presenters – Mary Ciccarelli, M.D., Medical Director, and Donna Gore Olsen, Program Manager, Center for Youth and Adults with Conditions of Childhood

Moderator – Lori Lakes, Community Organizing Specialist, Fifth Freedom Coalition

Medicaid Waiver Services: Changes and Opportunities (Discovery B)

– Waiver services are a critical element in ensuring people with disabilities and families obtain the supports needed to live in the community. This workshop will provide up-to-date information on how to acquire supports.

Presenters – Nanette Whightsel, Director of Family Education and Community Resource, The Arc of Indiana

Betty Williams, President, Self Advocates of Indiana

Moderator – Rozella Stewart, former Board Member

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State of the Nation in Disability Policy and Legislation – Marty Ford, Director of Legal Advocacy for The Arc and UCP Disability Policy Collaboration, will discuss the critical issues in legislation and policy now before our nation. Also covered will be the 2008 election, the importance of voting and political participation, forthcoming legislation such as the Class Act and ADA Restoration, and ideas on how to get the disability message across to policymakers and candidates.

State of the State in Disability Policy and Legislation – A panel of Indiana advocates and lobbyists will share their predictions about the forthcoming General Assembly session, elections and the potential impact on the disability community.

Presenters – John Cardwell, Director/Founder, Generations Project

Kim Dodson, Associate Executive Director, The Arc of Indiana

Melissa Durr, CEO, Indiana Association of Area Agencies on Aging

Steve McCaffrey, J.D., President and CEO, Mental Health America of Indiana

Noon – 12:15 p.m.

Break

12:15 – 3:30 p.m.

Awards Luncheon – Regency Ballroom, second floor

Presentation of the Governor's Council 2007 Community Spirit Awards

Distinguished Leadership Awards – Presented to one person with a disability and one parent or guardian of a child with a disability. The recipients will be honored for extraordinary contributions to disability advocacy.

Disability Awareness Campaign Awards – Presented to one individual and one group or organization for outstanding efforts to promote Disability Awareness Month in schools, businesses and/or communities.

Closing Session

Music Within – Richard Pimentel is a nationally renowned speaker and trainer on attitude change, disability management, diversity, rehabilitation, workers' compensation, job development and job retention. His presentation, "Music Within," highlights his life story and emphasizes how we all have the ability to make a difference by tapping into the qualities of leadership within each of us.

*"The very essence of leadership is that you have to have vision.
You can't blow an uncertain trumpet."*

- Theodore M. Hesburgh

National Speakers

Subject to change.

Jim Dickson is Vice President for Governmental Affairs at the American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD). He leads the AAPD Disability Vote Project, a broad coalition of 36 national disability-related organizations to close the political participation gap for people with disabilities. Jim was co-founder of Project Vote, a national, non-partisan voter registration and education organization. He has organized and directed voter registration and get-out-the-vote drives in 23 states.

Marty Ford, J.D., is the Director of Legal Advocacy for The Arc and UCP Disability Policy Collaboration. With more than 22 years of experience in federal public policy issues affecting people with disabilities, Marty represents both The Arc of the United States and United Cerebral Palsy on Capitol Hill, and in the federal agencies on issues affecting people with disabilities in long-term services and supports (including Medicaid), the Supplemental Security Income program, Social Security disability issues, and immigration and naturalization issues.

Richard Pimentel is a Senior Partner at Milt Wright & Associates, Inc., in Granada Hills, Calif. He is a nationally renowned speaker and trainer on attitude change and disability management. As the key author of the highly acclaimed and widely used “Windmills” program designed to change the attitudes and behavior of supervisors who hire and promote employees with disabilities, he has played an influential role in creating workplace opportunities for persons with disabilities with many of America’s largest employers, including Fortune 500 companies. A movie about his life, “Music Within,” featuring Michael Sheen, was released in October.

Kathie Snow, mother of a young adult with cerebral palsy, is a zealous promoter of new ways of thinking about disability, including creation of the “Disability is Natural” Web site, the mission of which is to encourage new ways of thinking about disability and help create a society in which all people are valued and included. Kathie also inspires change face-to-face – with common sense, humor and a rebellious spirit, she enlightens and entertains participants in workshops and trainings across the United States and Canada.

“There are risks and costs to a program of action. But they are far less than the long-range risks and costs of comfortable inaction.”

- John F. Kennedy

Additional Information

Access information – The Conference has accessible meeting space. Sign language interpreters and CART will be available throughout the meeting. Participants requiring substantial amounts of assistance are asked to secure their own personal care attendants. The Conference will provide limited attendant services.

Friendly reminders to improve the atmosphere of the conference –

- Please keep in mind that side conversations are distracting to other participants.
- Please leave pagers and mobile phones off or on vibrate mode.
- Upon entering the meeting rooms, please move away from the entrance.
- Smoking is prohibited.
- Please keep in mind that some of our colleagues have chemical sensitivities to such things as scented personal care products and smoke.

Hospitality suite and press room – The Executive Suite on the 18th floor will serve as the hospitality suite and press room during the Conference. Please ask at the registration table for a key.

Be part of our “Annual Disability Poll” –

Focus on Voting and Elections! – Come to the Disability Conference Polling Place and be part of the next Disability Poll – we want your ideas about voting, voter registration, polling place accessibility, election campaigns and helping candidates get elected. Take a few minutes to fill out the survey. Staff will be on hand to explain the process and provide whatever assistance you need!

Employment opportunities – WorkOne will provide information about employment opportunities and the Disability Navigator program.

Continuing Education Units (CEUs) available –

The Conference has received approval for continuing education units (CEUs) through the Indiana University School of Social Work. Tuesday’s sessions, in total, equal 6 hours of continuing education credits. Wednesday’s sessions, in total, account for 4.75 hours. Those wishing to receive CEUs must pick up a form at the end of each day of participation at the Conference registration desk. The form will give further instructions, including payment (\$10 for each participation day) and mailing information, to receive credits. (Checks will not be collected at the Conference.)

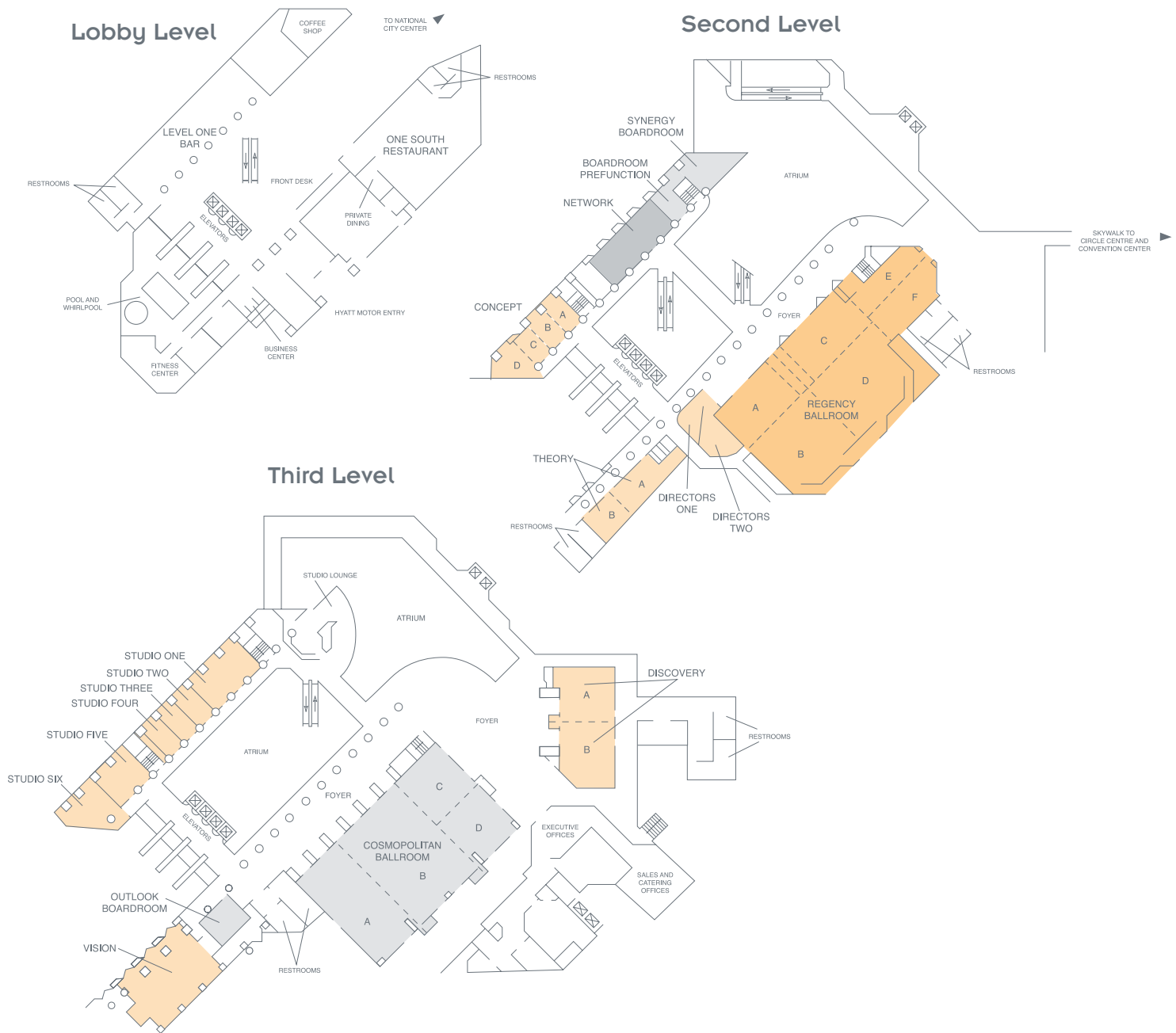
Social Security information – The Social Security Administration will provide information on the programs they offer for people with disabilities. A representative will be on hand to answer your questions and provide booklets and other resources.

Story tent – Conference attendees will have an opportunity to share their stories at the onsite “Story Tent,” which will be staffed by videographers and interviewers from the Center on Aging and Community of the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community. Stories will be archived and participants can also choose to have their stories considered for inclusion in the dramatic production “Wheelchair Monologues,” an exciting disability awareness project by ArtWorks Indiana. Come share your story. Every story is interesting, and every story is a worthwhile legacy for us all.

Exhibit hall – Find the latest information on technology, assistive services and other valuable resources by visiting the numerous displays in our Exhibit Hall during the Conference. Approximately 30 agencies and organizations will showcase their special products, resources and services. The Exhibit Hall will be staffed during the following times for exhibit viewing. These times include 8 to 9:30 a.m. and 6 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 27, and 8 to 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, November 28. However, feel free to browse the booths at any time during the Conference.

Drawings for Door Prizes will be held during lunch on Tuesday and Wednesday.

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2007 Conference exhibitors include:

ADA – Indiana
Adaptive Mobility
Ahnafield Corporation
ATTAIN, Inc.
Best Buddies Indiana
Borshoff
Breaking New Ground
Easter Seals Crossroads
Family Action Network of Lake County
Goodwill Staffing Solutions
Indiana Association of Area Agencies on Aging
Indiana Civil Rights Commission
Indiana Council on Independent Living
Indiana Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health
Indiana Institute on Disability and Community at Indiana University
Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services
Indiana Secretary of State Todd Rokita

Indiana State Library – Talking Books and Braille
Indiana Telephone Relay Access
Indiana Works/Supported Employment Consultation and Training Center
Mental Health America of Indiana, Inc.
MetDESK, MetLife's Division of Estate Planning for Special Kids
NAMI Indiana
National Center on Accessibility
O'Malley Therapy Solutions
Partners in Policymaking
Rest Assured
The Arc of Indiana
VSA Arts of Indiana

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Representing slightly more than 19 percent of Indiana's population, there are approximately 877,000 people in our state who have disabilities. These Hoosiers with disabilities are a portion of the 51.2 million Americans of all ages, ethnicities and genders who have disabilities. Disability also impacts the lives of many more people — including family members, friends, co-workers, health care workers, classmates and educators. It's difficult to think of someone who is not touched by disability. Given these figures, disability definitely matters.

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